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TRAINS BETWEEN PATNA AND TATANAGAR

164. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to run some more trains between Patna and Tatanagar; and

(b) if so how many?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE .MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TICKET CHECKING PROGRAMME OF MAGISTERIAL SQUADS

165. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the authority which fixes the ticket checking programmes of the Magisterial Squads on the Northern Railway; and

(b) whether the Railway Board have issued any orders for arranging such programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER m THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) The programmes for ticket checking by Magisterial Squad_s on the Northern Railway are fixed by the Divisional Commercial Superintendents or the Ticket Checking Officer of the Headquarter_s Office, in consultation with the Group Ins-• pector attached to the Magisterial Squads.

(b) Yes.

BUILDING OF TELEGRAPH-CUM-TELE-PHONE EXCHANGE OFFICE AT JAMMU

166. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT; Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building of the Telegraph-cum.Tele-phone Exchange Office at Jammu is not only exceedingly inadequate to house the working staff there but also is in a deteriorated condition; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to provide a new building of their own for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAG-AVATI): (a) and (b). The existing building, taken over from the State, is congested and it is proposed to put up a combined telecommunication building, for which action is being taken to prepare plan_s and estimates.

MADHOPUR-KATHUA RAIL LINK

167. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister o! RAILWAYS be pleased to gtate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of the rail link between Madhopur and Kathua, especially the railway bridge on the Ravi is not proceeding according to schedule; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what special steps Government propose to take to ensure that this new railway line is thrown open to traffic by March 1964?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TOT! MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) Generally speaking construction work on the Railway line from Madhopur to Kathua is proceeding according to schedule, except the work on Ravi Bridge. The main hold up for the Ravi Bridge is supply of matching